

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 80-84. However, the Examiner allowed claims 53-79. By the present Response, claims 80-84 are canceled without prejudice for possible filing in a subsequent continuing application. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 53-79 will remain pending in the present patent application. Allowance of all pending claims is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 80-84 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Baumel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,966,291). Additionally, the Examiner rejected claims 80-84 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Downing et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,219). Further, claims 80-81 and 83-84 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Landsgestell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,501,653). Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with these rejections, Applicants recognize that the Examiner has indicated that all other pending claims are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance by canceling rejected claims 80-84. Applicants have done so without prejudice, as such subject matter may be included in a subsequent continuing application that addresses the Examiner's rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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